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Welcome

Rationale

- authentic
- constructive
- lifelong learning through PLN

SNS Example

Tools in Schools

"It was user friendly, fun to get to know others a little more. I hadn't ever really used a Ning before, but it was easy to catch on."

Participant
December 2009

"It served as a great model of what we
could do ourselves . . ."

Participant
December 2009

"The ease of using the Ning as the main teaching/learning/communicating tool. "

Participant
December 2009

"Applicability"

Participant
December 2009

"Sometimes interactions were forced
because they were required."

Participant
December 2009

Yes - 10:12

Maybe - 1:12

Probably Not - 1:12

Personal Learning & the Future

enthusiasm for learning

differentiation

3rd party file share

dynamic

Resources

- [Educause - 7 Things You Should Know About Ning](#)
- Long, C. (2009) [Online Social Learning Networks for Educators](#). NEA. Retrieved: August 31, 2009.
- [The Economist Debate on Social Networking](#)
- [Classroom 2.0](#)
- Hargadon, S. (2009) [Some things I've learned about building effective social networks](#). Retrieved: August 31, 2009

Q & A

